
God Creates the World

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was barren, with no form of life; it was under a roaring ocean covered with darkness. But the Spirit of God was moving over the water.

The First Day—God said, “I command light to shine!” And light started shining.

The Second Day—God said, “I command a dome to separate the water above it from the water below it.” And that’s what happened.

The Third Day—God said, “I command the water under the sky to come together in one place, so there will be dry ground.” And that’s what happened. And God said, “I command the earth to produce all kinds of plants, including fruit trees and grain.” And that’s what happened.

The Fourth Day—God said, “I command lights to appear in the sky and to separate day from night and to show the time for seasons, special days, and years. I command them to shine on the earth.” And that’s what happened.

The Fifth Day—God said, “I command the ocean to be full of living creatures, and I command birds to fly above the earth.” So God made all the living creatures that swim in the ocean and every kind of bird.

The Sixth Day—God said, “I command the earth to give life to all kinds of tame animals, wild animals, and reptiles.” And that’s what happened. Then God said, “Now we will make humans, and they will be like us. We will let them rule the fish, the birds, and all other living creatures.” So God created humans to be like himself. God looked at what he had done. All of it was very good! So the heavens and the earth and everything else were created.


The Seventh Day—By the seventh day, God had finished his work, and so he rested. God blessed the seventh day and made it special because on that day he rested from his work.

That’s how God created the heavens and the earth.

Based on Genesis 1.1–2.4

KEY VERSE Genesis 1.1

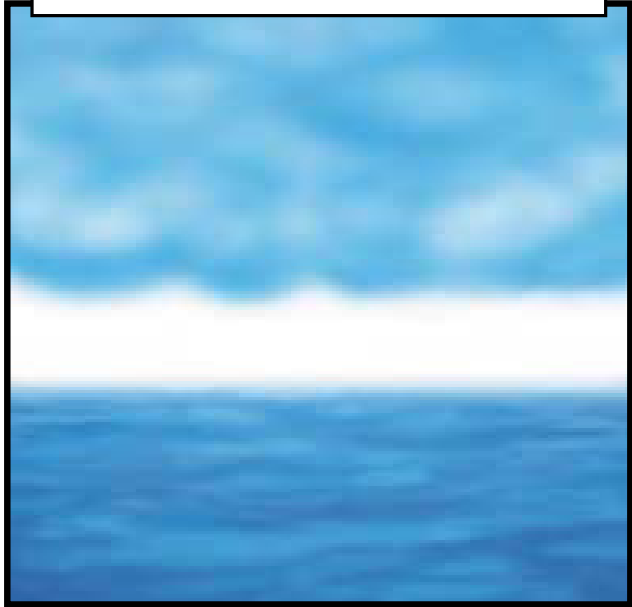
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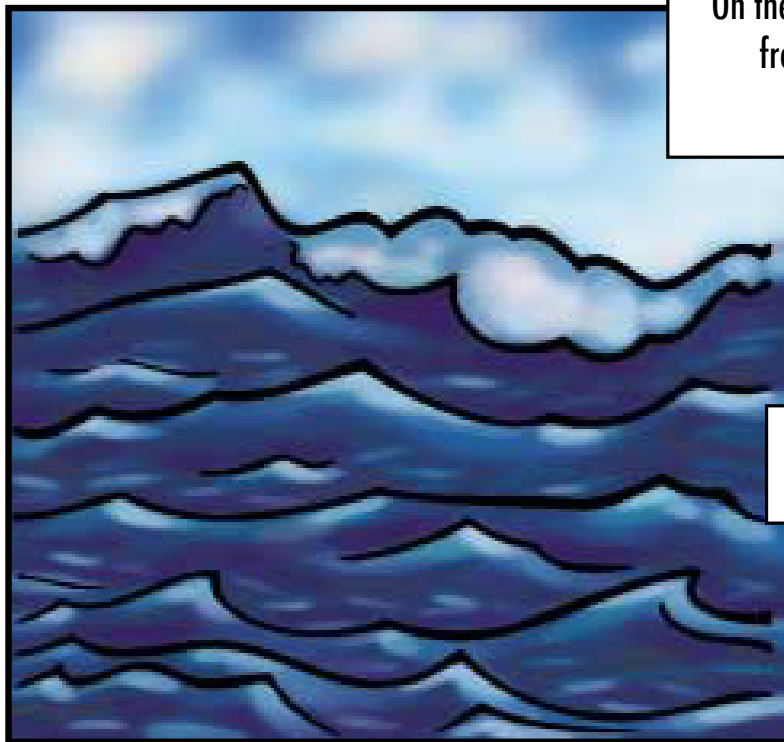
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On the first day, God created light.
God named the light "day" and the darkness "night."

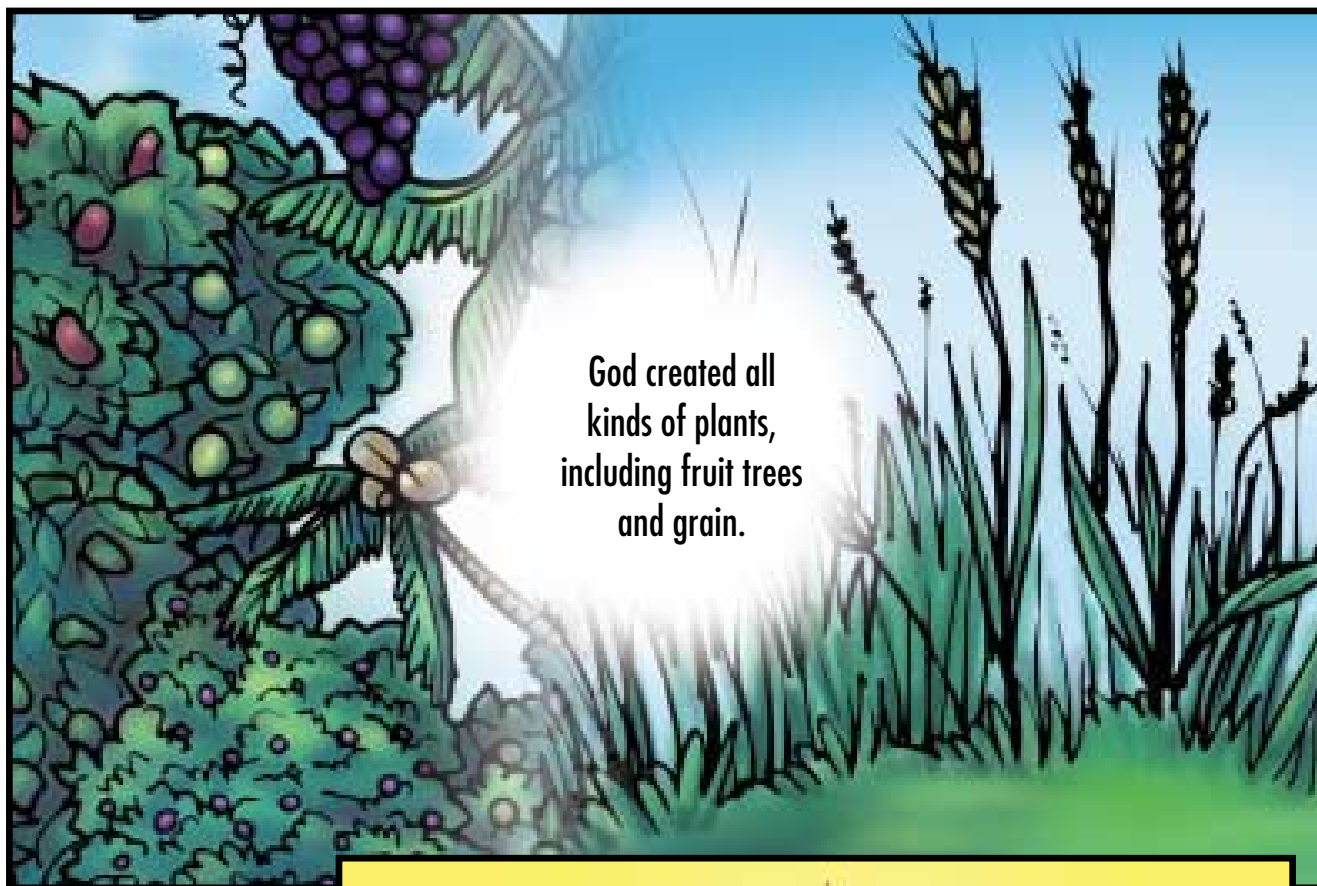
On the second day, God created a dome to separate the water above from the water below. God named the dome "sky."



On the third day, God separated the water from dry ground. And God named the dry ground "land."

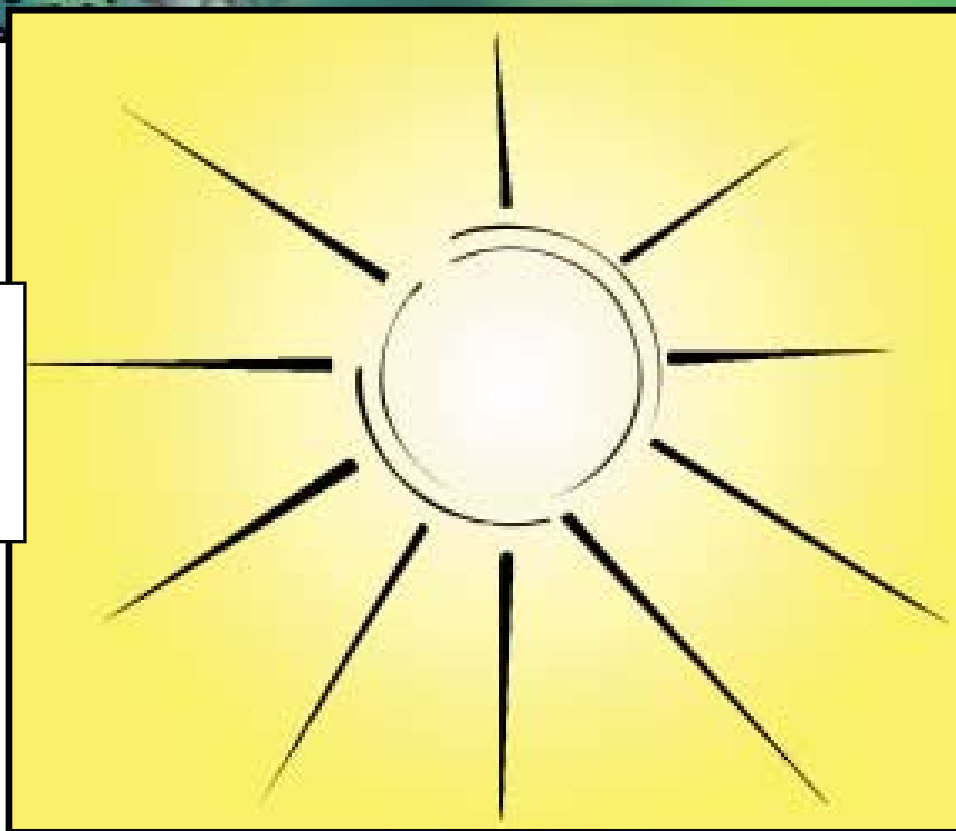


God named the water "ocean."



God created all
kinds of plants,
including fruit trees
and grain.

On the fourth
day, God made
the sun to shine
during the day.



And God made the moon to shine during the night. God also made the stars.

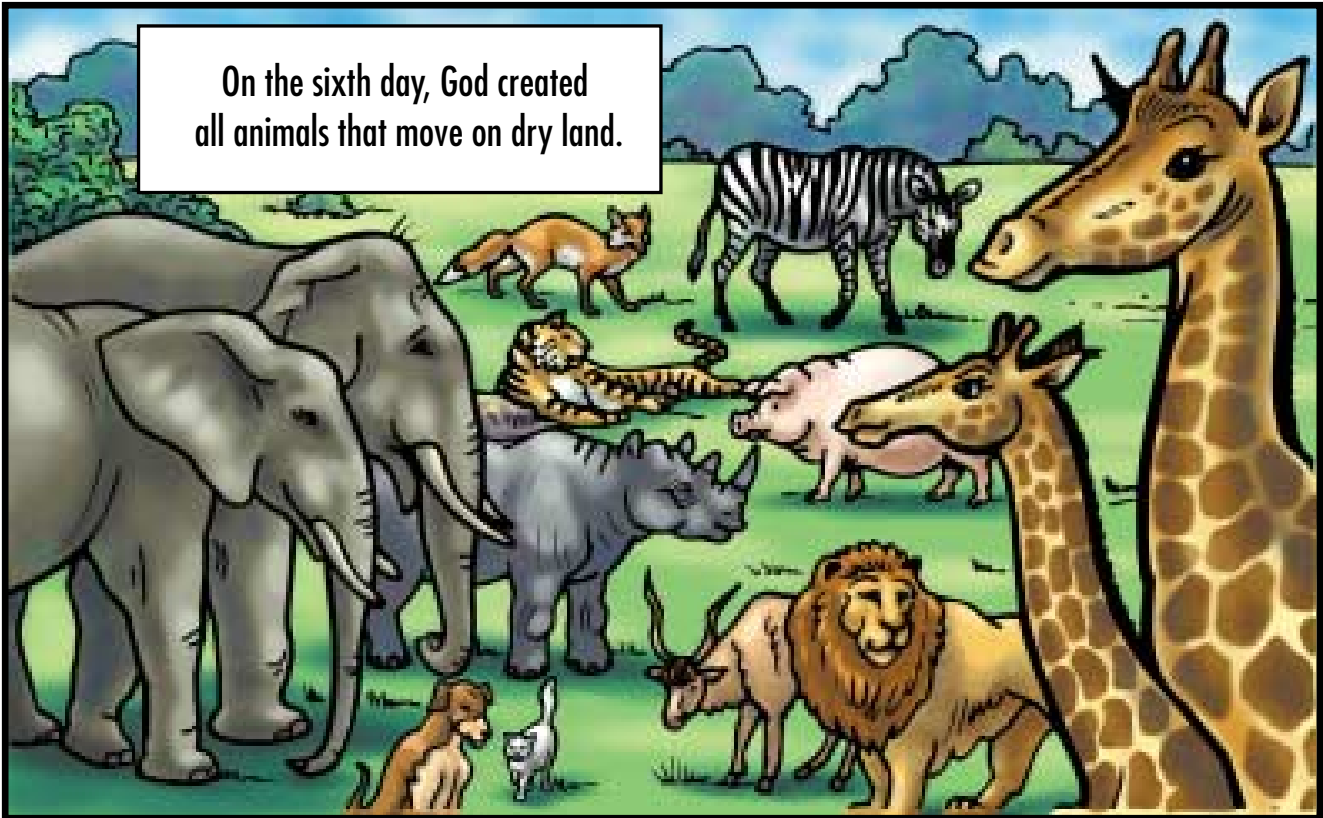
On the fifth day, God created all the fish and sea creatures that swim in the ocean.



Also on the fifth day, God made the birds that fly in the sky.



On the sixth day, God created
all animals that move on dry land.



Also on the sixth day, God said, "We will make humans to be like us!" God
made man and woman and blessed them, saying, "Have a lot of children!"



God looked at all he had created and saw that it was very good!

